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attempting to collect in Spain or South America as many former Luftwaffe pilots as possible as a nucleus for reconstruction of German air power outside Allied control. This also has historical precedent in the creation of the Luftwaffe outside Germany between World Wars I and II.

Similarly, in the U. S. Zone of Occupation it was reported in July 1946 that German officers were making contact with each other with the end in view of reviving the Reichswehr.

Herbert Benner, a former agent of the Sicherheitsdienst repatriated to Germany in May 1946, told interrogators that he was aware of a plan to smuggle German "activists" from Spain to Argentina under the protection of an important French collaborationist and a Spanish intelligence agent. Benner admitted that the German military intelligence service, Abwehr, survived in skeleton form in Spain and that it had been provided with funds to keep itself operative in Argentina until relations between the Allied nations "deteriorate to the point of war".

The foregoing information fits too closely for comfort into evidence already noted that German technicians and industrialists were briefed before the Nazi collapse on their post-war responsibility: to make certain of the survival of German military-industrial power and technical skill outside Germany during the period of Allied occupation of the Reich.

All this poses certain intelligence and security problems based on the assumption that pan-German survival will be pushed with the same secrecy and political skill that characterized it after World War I; and that its survival constitutes a potential threat as long as politico-military alignments of any kind are possible in Europe. Investigations made in Germany and in other countries have not yet been pursued to the point of providing us with the information on this subject we require for security purposes. This Division would appreciate the benefit of all additional information available to the addressees above.

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